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At the unveiling of the new look of the MSN.com portal, it became clear that Microsoft had begun to retaliate against users of non-Microsoft browsers. The Opera browser I used was being specifically excluded from MSN.com.

Every time a browser connects to a server, it sends a string to the server telling it what type of browser is seeking access. When Microsoft saw an Opera browser it refused to let the browser load the page. The Opera developers tests showed that the Opera identification string was changed by one letter, Microsoft would let the Opera browser in.

Microsoft should not be allowed to tie its operating system, browsers, and network together.

sincerely
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